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TACOM partners with ArmorWorks, high-tech armor protection company

The U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command Ground Systems Industrial Enterprise announced recently that it is entering into a partnership with ArmorWorks, a company located in Tempe, Ariz., which provides high-tech armor protection.

ArmorWorks is an armor designer and producer, which specializes in materials technology. It uses state-of-the-art ceramic and composite materials to construct armor systems. They do not have their own metal manufacturing capability, and will utilize the GSIE facilities to do this for them.

"This partnership takes the best of the government and the best of industry and brings them together with complimentary capabilities to provide protection for our troops. Through the partnership, we can provide equipment faster, better, and cheaper," said Fred Smith, deputy director of GSIE.

The GSIE has entered into a Basic Ordering Agreement with ArmorWorks, which will allow the company to send work to any of the GSIE's five government-owned government-operated facilities using the same basic contract. The five GSIE industrial sites are Anniston, Red River, and Sierra Army depots and the Joint Manufacturing and Technology Centers at Rock Island and Watervliet.

The signing of this Basic Ordering Agreement formally establishes another new industry partner for the GSIE facilities. Last year, another company that manufactures armor entered into a similar partnership with the GSIE. It awarded the GSIE \$4.4 million to produce steel panels for trucks used in Iraq. The work is being done at the JMTC-Rock Island.

Workload, locations of work, and award amounts for the new ArmorWorks partnership are yet to be determined.

Letterkenny plans ahead for HMMWV workload

Letterkenny Army Depot Commander Col. William A. Guinn and E. R. Maples, president of Military Systems Group, Inc., recently cemented a partnership that will ensure parts availability for standard military HMMWVs and explore continuing opportunities to protect America's Warfighters.

The contract allows for \$12.5 million to be spent over five years to buy a variety of 37 parts. This contract will be used to purchase swing arms, gun mounts, and brackets to get mounted on the doors and tops of vehicles.

"This joint program supports units from all branches of the services, typically in the special operations field," said Guinn. "This adds firepower to the traditional non-combative vehicle."

The Memorandum of Understanding between MSG and Letterkenny also addresses working together toward engineering solutions and providing responsive, timely and reliable product support to the Warfighter. The three-year agreement calls for the enhancement of the industrial base to improve and sustain repair, recapitalization, and remanufacturing capabilities within the organic and private sectors.

Russian team inspects Army warehouses, workshops

Armed with clipboards and reports, a team of nine Russian officers recently inspected Army Field Support Battalion, Eysgelshoven, Netherlands warehouses and workshops operated by the U.S. Army. Accompanied by a nine-person American team from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, the Russians tested compliance with the terms of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe.

Negotiated in 1990 and enforced by member states of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the treaty limits certain categories of weapons and systems, such as tanks and artillery. In addition, the pact spells out reporting requirements designed to assure member states that all treaty-limited equipment is present at its declared location.